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PREFACE

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THE CITY OF GRAHAMSTOWN.



THE Cape Colony is well known to be one of the most salubrious and agreeable countries in the world, and there is no doubt that in all Southern Africa there is no more agreeable or healthful city than Grahamstown. Beautifully situated in an open wide-spreading valley, 1,800 feet above sea level, it enjoys a genial and delightful climate. Protected from the prevalent south-western winds by the Zuurberg Hills, it is well drained by natural gulleys, and a gravelly subsoil below rich clay loam. The water supply from springs and grassy hills is conserved in five reservoirs holding about fifty millions of gallons, distributed in more than one thousand water leadings. But to this there is now in course of being added a supply from perennial springs at Slaai Kraal, only a few miles distant, by means of which Grahamstown will always possess one of the best supplies of water in the Colony. The average annual rainfall is about 30 inches, with 77 days on which rain falls, or 288 days in the year on which no rain falls; the annual mean temperature of Grahamstown is 60 degrees Fahrenheit: that of summer 63 degrees, and of winter 53 degrees; the mean range of temperature 15 degrees: in summer 17°7, in winter 12°8. The death rate of Grahamstown is taken to be at the rate of 12½ per thousand. The army records show that the Cape Colony is the healthiest military station of the British empire, and further, that Grahamstown is the healthiest garrison town in the Colony.

Wide, well laid out streets, in many cases lined by trees, stretch over an extensive surface, as there is much garden ground, and the delights of *rus in urbe* are enjoyed by many citizens. Orchards and beautiful gardens, shady trees and extensive public recreation grounds do much to recommend the city to a visitor. There is, perhaps, no walk more delightful than that through the Botanical Gardens, in which a scene of beauty is revealed which will be long remembered. Here there are avenues of splendid oaks, masses of brilliant flowers, velvety lawns, and plants of beautiful bloom and foliage in the Fordyce Conservatory. There are many charming walks and rides. Such places as Oatlands and Fern Kloof demand attention; but perhaps in the Colony there is nothing more attractive in the way of a short excursion than "The Mountain Drive," from which magnificent views of the surrounding country can be obtained, bounded inland by the Amatola and Winterberg Mountains, and on the east by the Indian Ocean. Here, on a clear day, can be seen all the undulating country of lower Albany, and the distant ship on the sapphire fringe. Far away in the other direction are the towering mountains in whose fastnesses savages fought in many a fierce Kaffir war. The Amatolas look upon us, and we gaze upon them and upon the sea.

The City of the Settlers, as Grahamstown is not inappropriately styled, is pre-eminently a seat of education. Indeed, there is no place in South Africa where educational advantages are greater. St. Andrew's, St. Aidan's and Kingswood Colleges are justly celebrated, while the Institutions set apart for girls are in every way worthy of being placed in the same category.

In consequence of the residence of bishops, judges, advocates, university graduates, and other men devoted to education and the learned professions, there is an enlightened society in Grahamstown whose literary and scientific proclivities find partial expression in the Eastern Province Institution, whose periodical lectures and discussions are very interesting.

The Queen's Jubilee Exhibition held in Grahamstown in 1887-8 was pre-eminently successful. Thousands of people from all parts of Southern Africa were gratified and pleased, and there is reason to believe that the larger and more ambitious Exhibition of 1898-9 will surpass it much both in attractions and success. Such facts as these point to the ability of the business men of Grahamstown, who, in co-operation with the rest of the community, have done much to improve the city. Among the fine public buildings must be mentioned the Town Hall and Settlers' Tower, which forms the front portion and entrance of the Exhibition. The treasures of the Albany Museum are shortly to be removed to a handsome new building within the Drostdy Grounds. Mercantile buildings have arisen and are in course of construction which vie with those in larger towns. Excellent stores and shops supply the public; indeed, the full advantages and conveniences of a town life are procurable in Grahamstown. Gas has been introduced; the water supply is in course of being made superabundant; there is an excellent public library open every day except Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; the Albany and Town Halls supply suitable arenas for public entertainments. Here, in a lovely town where villas and cottages are embosomed in gardens and trees, the advantages of both town and country life may be enjoyed, while neither rent nor taxes can be considered high, and, comparatively speaking, living is cheap.

We have not yet referred to the churches, which are numerous. The "City of the Saints" can boast of a cathedral whose tower and chancel are most excellent specimens of architecture. In religion as well as education Grahamstown always has taken a high position. The Protestant and Catholic Bishops in the Eastern Districts are resident here, while for the Wesleyans also it is virtually head-quarters, and two of their principal educational institutions are within Grahamstown. Baptists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, and the Salvation Army possess places of worship.

Port Alfred, at the mouth of the beautiful Kowie river, is only 42 miles from Grahamstown, and is easily reached by a line of railway whose success may be imagined from the fact that the receipts for March, 1898, are double those for the corresponding month in 1897. Of course, this line dovetailing into the Government railways, is a feeder to them of considerable consequence. Not only as far as goods and produce are concerned, but specially in the case of passengers, who come from various parts of the Transvaal, Free State, and Cape Colony to enjoy the advantages of one of the most excellent health resorts on our sea coast. Port Alfred is indeed a charming place, surrounded by beautiful wooded scenery, and possessing not merely the advantages of sea bathing, but those connected with fishing, boating, etc., on a lovely river which flows for many miles amidst fine scenery. One of the advantages of coming to Grahamstown is that a visit to the sea is made convenient, economical and delightful. There is most excellent deep sea fishing off the mouth of the Kowie river and which has yet to be exploited.

In publishing the third edition of a book which has been most favourably received, it is desirable to say that the illustrations have been improved and increased in number. By means of the science of photography the salient features and buildings of Grahamstown have been placed before our readers. There can be no attempt to "extenuate or put down aught in malice." The sun cannot lie, and he paints the pictures in this volume.

GRAHAMSTOWN, *April, 1898.*

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BIRDSEYE VIEW OF GRAHAMSTOWN.



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UNDER THE OAK TREE, BOTANICAL GARDENS.



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THE MOUNTAIN DRIVE.

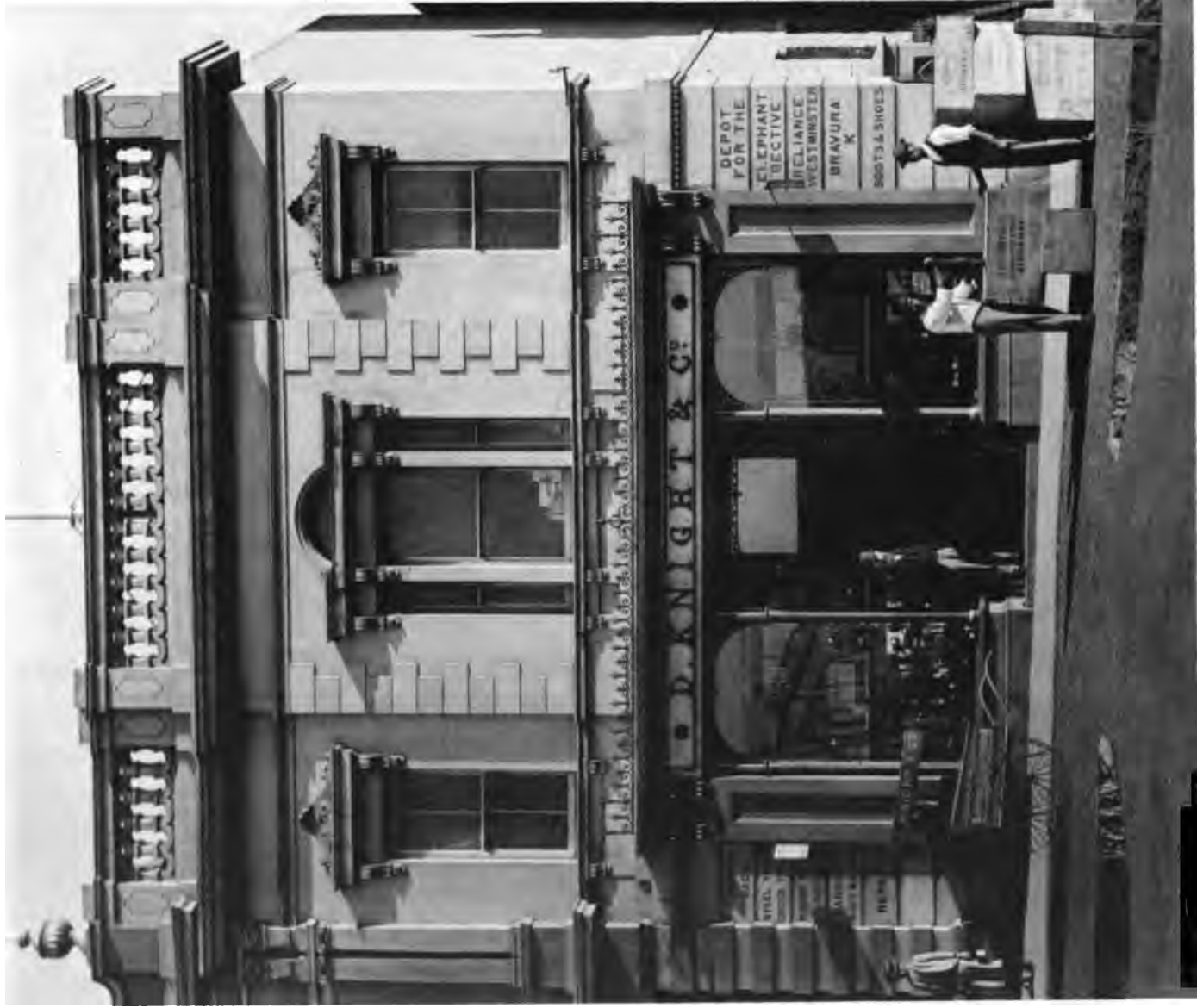


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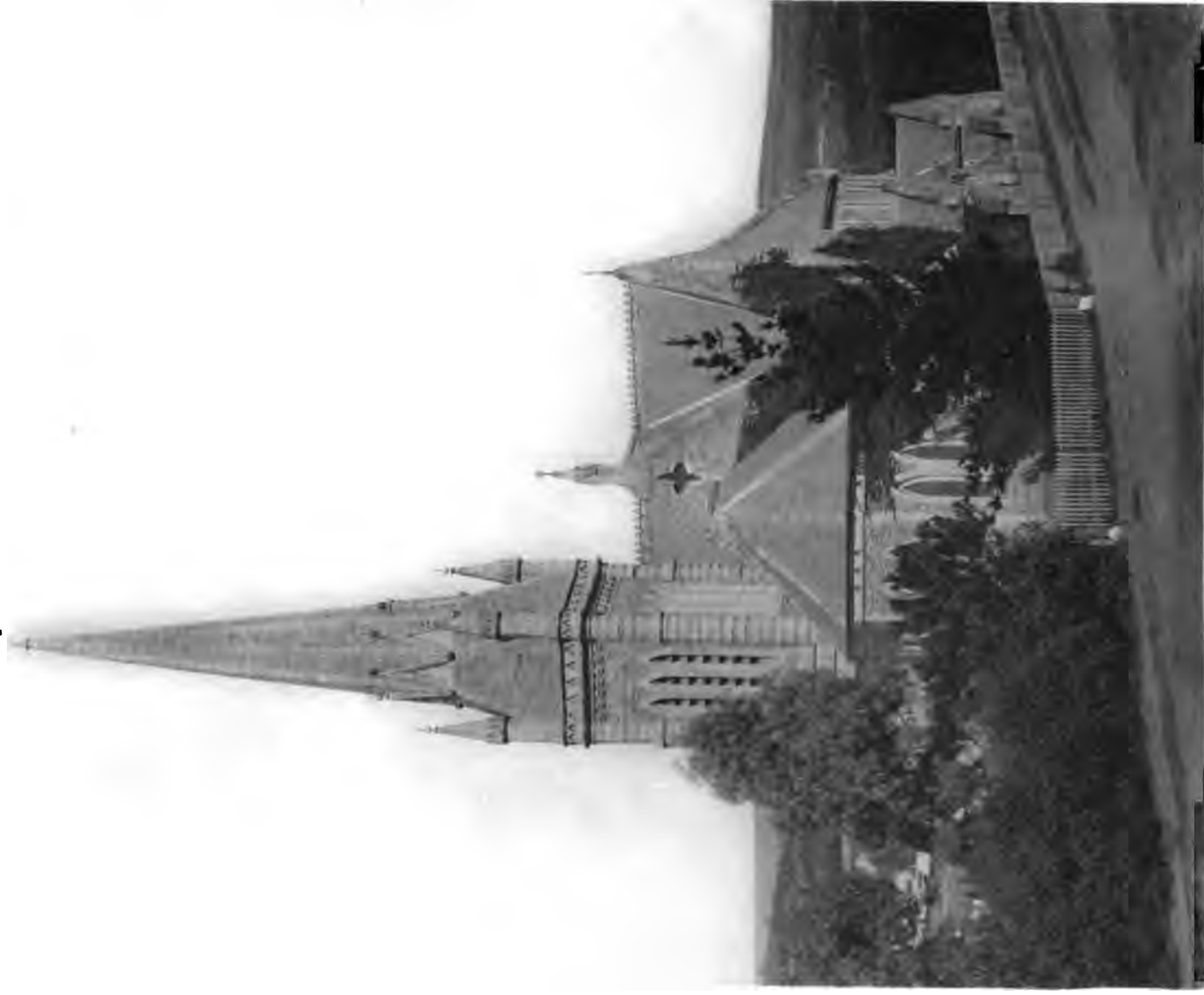


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WOOD'S HOTEL, BATHURST STREET.



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THE TOWN HALL AND SETTLER'S TOWER.



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GALPIN BROTHERS' ESTABLISHMENT (THE OBSERVATORY).



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THE RAILWAY HOTEL,

HIGH STREET.



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THE RAILWAY HOTEL, HIGH STREET.



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DROSTDY ARCHWAY, ENTRANCE TO BARRACKS.



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HIGH STREET FROM THE DROSTDY.



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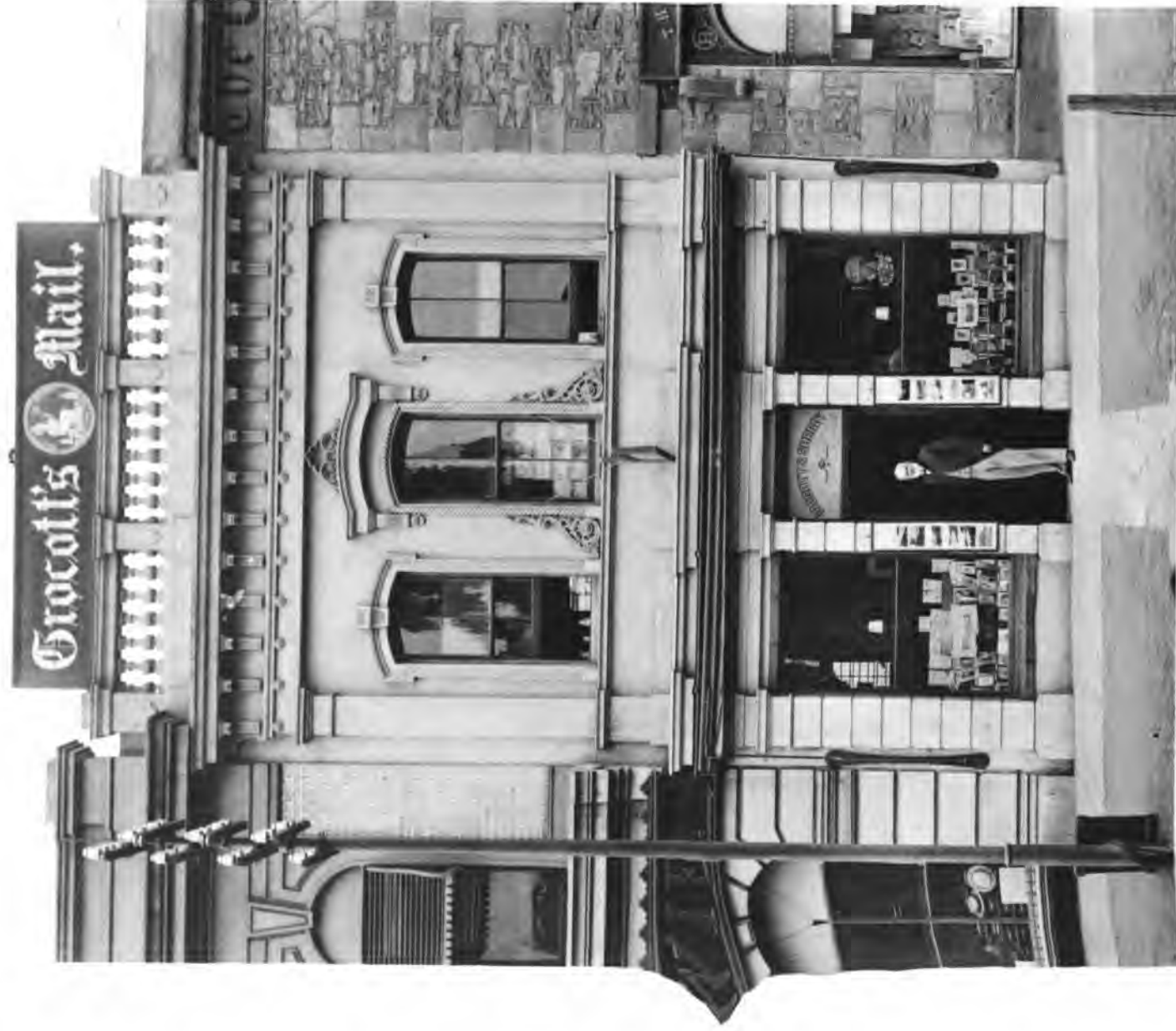


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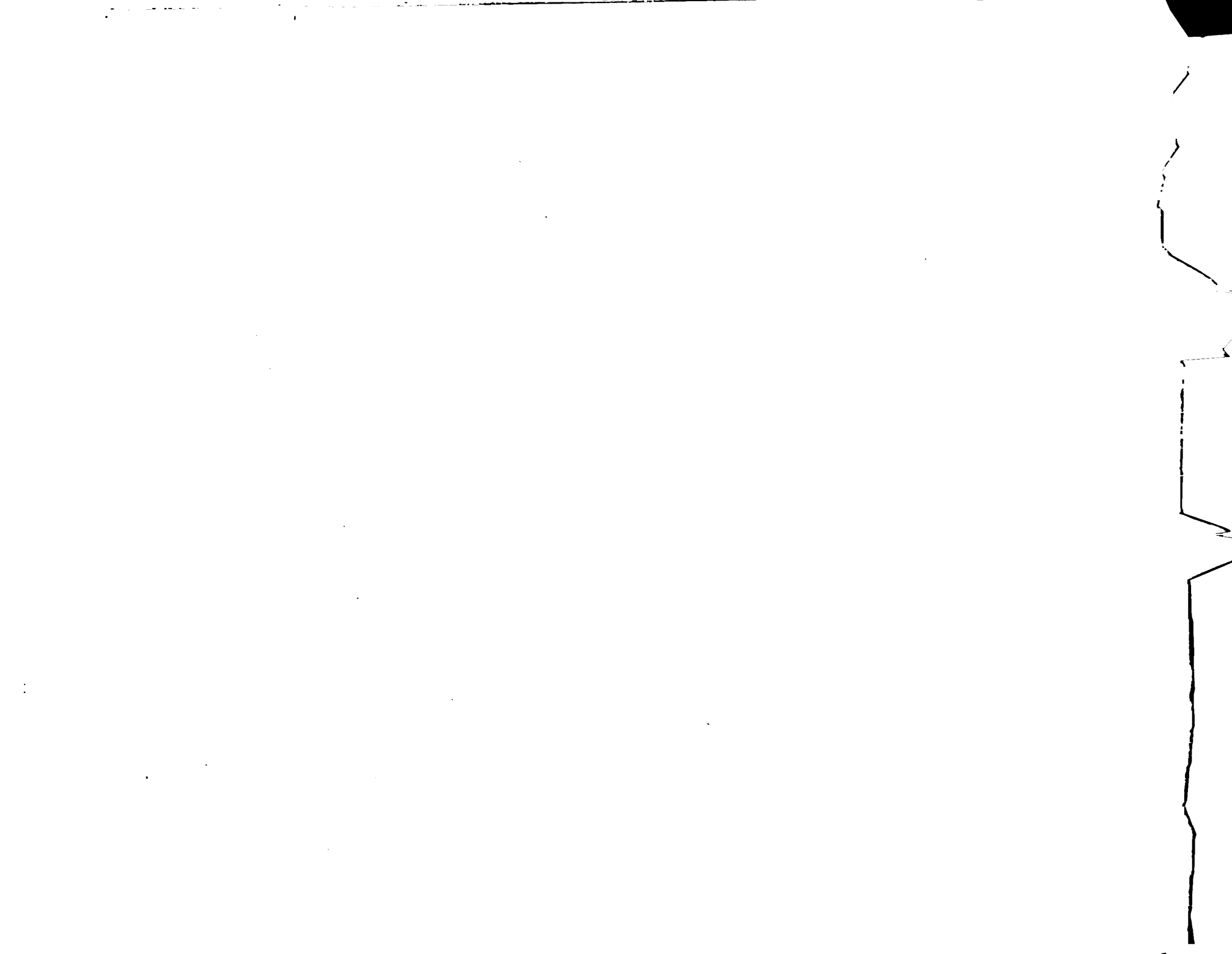




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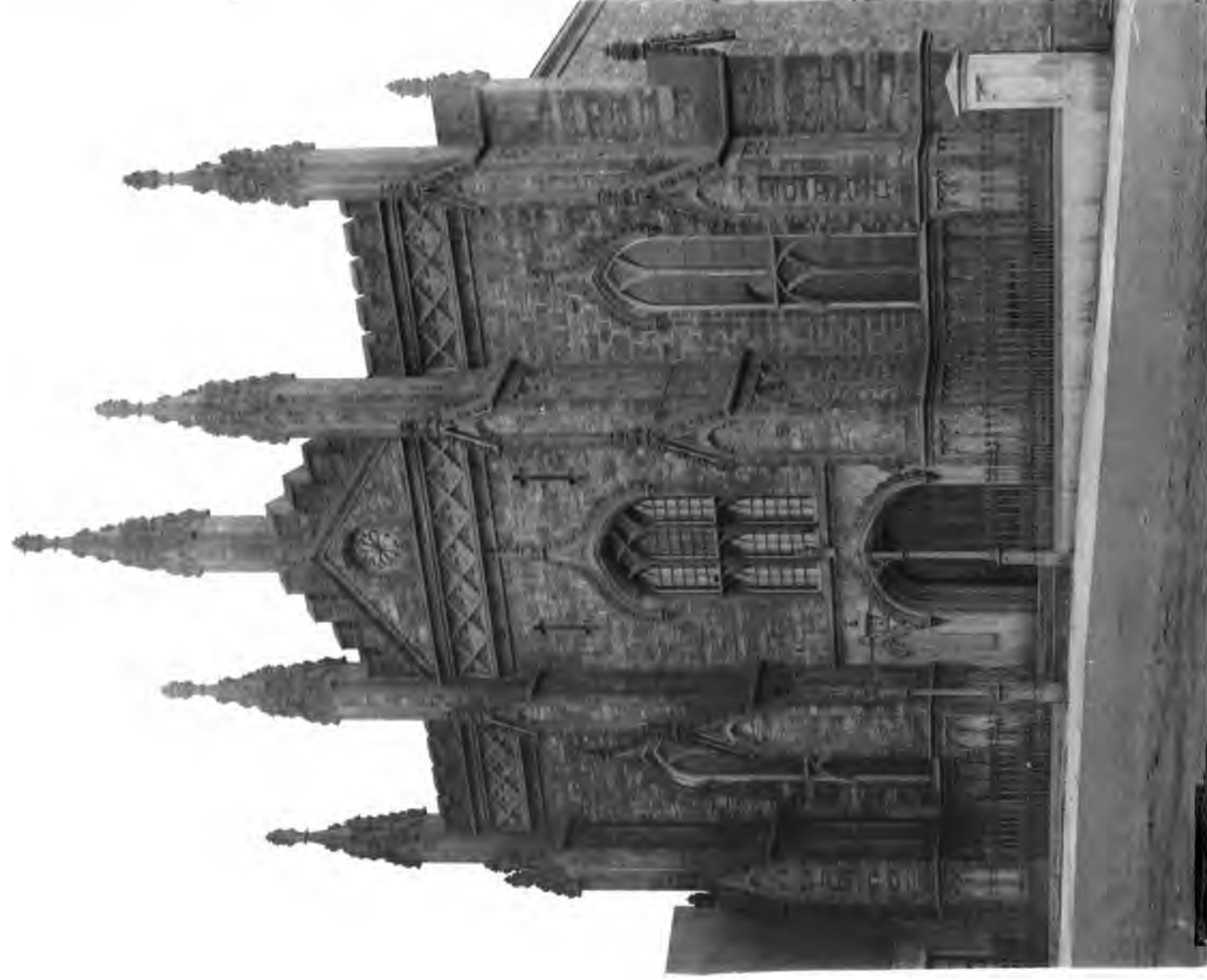


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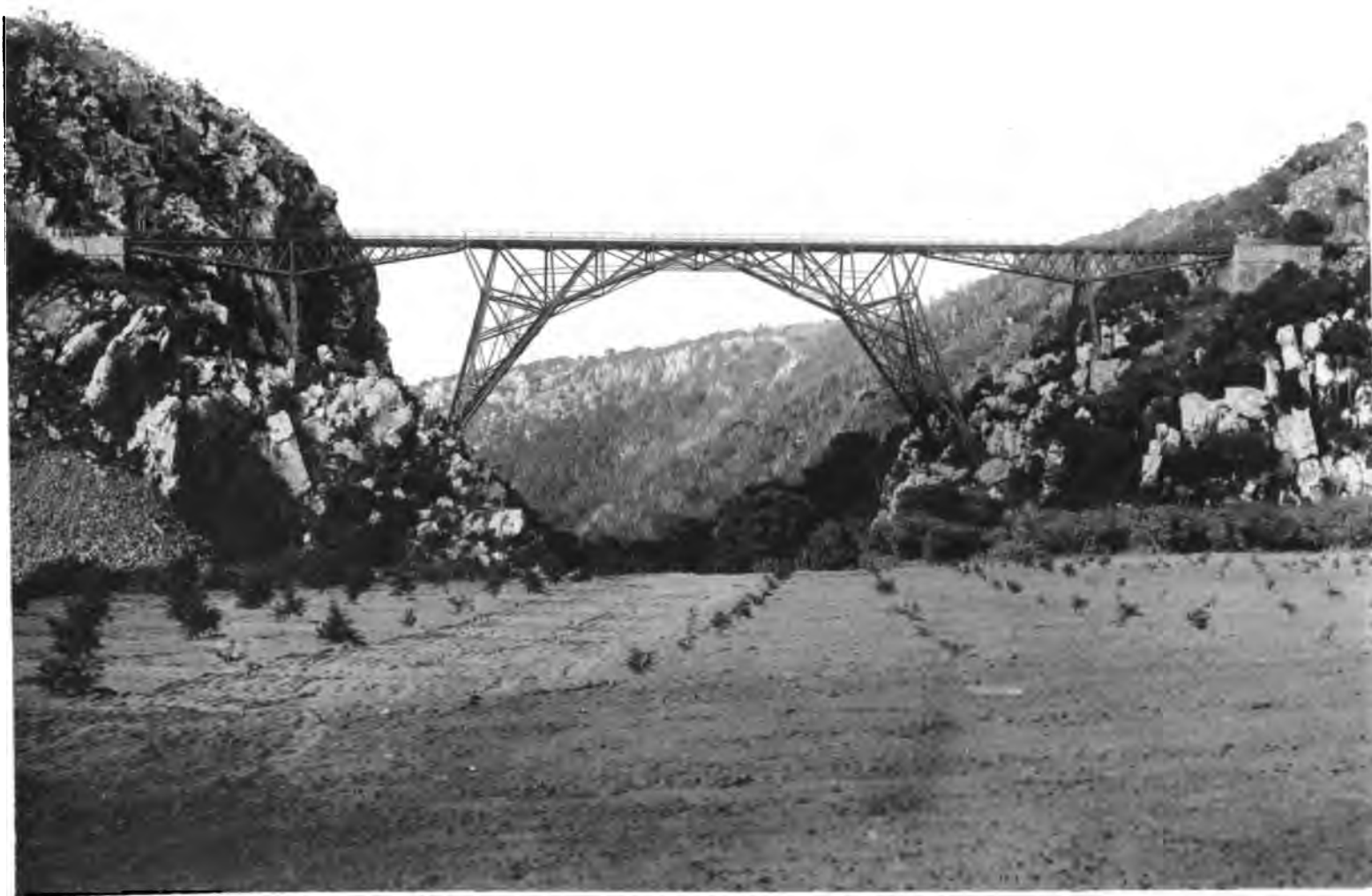


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RABBIT ROCKS, KOWIE RIVER.





